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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated September 20, 2002 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on January 21, 2003 (January 20, 2003 being a Holiday). A check in the amount of \$465.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-721. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

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